(Regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, Title 2, Division 6, California Code of Regulations.)

## § 18703.1. Economic Interest, Defined: Business Entities.

For purposes of disqualification under Government Code sections 87100 and 87103, a public official has an economic interest in a business entity if any of the following are true:

- (a) The public official has a direct or indirect investment worth two thousand dollars (\$ 2,000) or more in the business entity.
- (b) The public official is a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee, or holds any position of management in the business entity.
- (c) Parent, Subsidiary, Otherwise Related Business Entity. An official has an economic interest in a business entity which is a parent or subsidiary of, or is otherwise related to, a business entity in which the official has one of the interests defined in Government Code section 87103(a) or (d).
  - (d) Parent, Subsidiary, Otherwise Related Business Entity, defined.
- (1) Parent-subsidiary. A parent-subsidiary relationship exists when one corporation directly or indirectly owns shares possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.
- (2) Otherwise related business entity. Business entities, including corporations, partnerships, joint ventures and any other organizations and enterprises operated for profit, which do not have a parent-subsidiary relationship are otherwise related if any one of the following three tests is met:
  - (A) One business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity.
  - (B) There is shared management and control between the entities. In determining whether

there is shared management and control, consideration should be given to the following factors:

- (i) The same person or substantially the same person owns and manages the two entities;
- (ii) There are common or commingled funds or assets;
- (iii) The business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis;
  - (iv) There is otherwise a regular and close working relationship between the entities; or
- (C) A controlling owner (50% or greater interest as a shareholder or as a general partner) in one entity also is a controlling owner in the other entity.
- (e) Although a public official may not have an economic interest in a given business entity pursuant to subdivisions (a)-(c) of this section, the public official may nonetheless have an economic interest in the business entity if it is a source of income to him or her. (See 2 Cal. Code Regs. section 18703.3.)

Note: Authority cited: Section 83112, Government Code. Reference: Sections 87100, 87102.5, 87102.6, 87102.8 and 87103, Government Code.

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